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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 BGH HOLDINGS LLC, *et al.*,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 D.L. EVANS BANK,

13 Defendant.
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Case No. C18-1408RSL

ORDER DENYING
DEFENDANT'S MOTION
TO SEAL

15 This matter comes before the Court on defendant's "Second Motion to Seal" (Dkt.
16 # 156). Defendant filed this motion in tandem with its motion for summary judgment (Dkt.
17 # 158), as its motion for summary judgment incorporated information that plaintiffs' previously
18 designated confidential.

19 "There is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files," and, absent a
20 showing that the public's right of access is outweighed by the interests of the public and/or the
21 parties in shielding the material from public view, a seal is not appropriate. LCR 5(g).
22 Accordingly, parties are expected to explore all alternatives to filing a document under seal. *Id.*
23 5(g)(1). In its recent summary judgment Order, the Court reminded the parties of the procedure
24 for filing a document under seal in accordance with the Court's local rules. *See* Dkt. # 176.
25 Specifically, the Court ordered the parties to meet and confer on the need to file the document
26 under seal in compliance with Local Rule 5(g)(3)(A). *Id.* The Court further specified that if the
27 parties found the motion must be filed under seal, plaintiffs must file a response to defendant's
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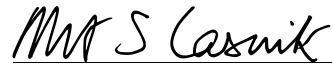
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1 motion to seal, providing the reasons for keeping the document under seal pursuant to LCR
2 5(g)(3)(B). *Id.*

3 On May 12, 2023, defendant filed a “report,” informing the Court that the parties have
4 conferred as directed and have agreed that the motion filed at Dkt. # 158 “need not be sealed.”
5 Dkt. # 180 at 2. Accordingly, the Court DENIES defendant’s motion to seal (Dkt. # 156). The
6 Clerk of Court is directed to unseal the motion filed at Dkt. # 158.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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10 DATED this 18th day of May, 2023.

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13 Robert S. Lasnik
14 United States District Judge
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